7th Texas Voter Poll

August 2023

Baselice and Associates conducted the survey, polling 1,000 registered Texas voters on August 22-29, 2023. It has a margin of error of ± 3.1%. This is Texas 2036’s 7th Texas Voter Poll since January 2020.

The interviews were conducted via:

- **Phone**: 52%
- **SMS**: 13%
- **Web**: 35%

**Texas Combined Media Markets**

**Percent of Interviews**

- Dallas-Ft. Worth: 30%
- Houston: 25%
- San Antonio/South/El Paso: 19%
- Austin/Waco/Bryan: 14%
- West Texas Markets: 7%
- East Texas Markets: 6%

Texas Voter Poll, August 22 - 29, 2023, N = 1,000 respondents, margin of error: ± 3.1%
Majorities of Texas Voters Stand Ready to Sign Off On Billions for Critical Infrastructure

Voters across the state express urgency for investments in water, state parks and broadband.

AUSTIN, TX — As the clock ticks down to November’s critical vote on 14 constitutional amendments, the newly released results of the 7th Texas Voter Poll, conducted at the end of August by Baselice and Associates for Texas 2036, presents compelling support for legislators’ actions during the regular session to set aside billions of revenue surplus dollars for Texans to vote on to shore up the state’s critical infrastructure.

We found that three-quarters of the surveyed voters, an overwhelming majority, supported these important investments in water and parks funding. Broadband expansion also had majority support from those we polled. However, the numbers also demonstrate the need for us to educate voters on the merits of closing the digital divide. The good news is that Texas voters are telling us the time is now to establish these funds.

Voters are sharply supportive of Texas’ leading role in the national energy discussion and want our state to remain on the leading edge of energy innovation that will deliver both more energy, and more cleaner energy. The voter responses we measured point to another challenge for policymakers — explaining the impacts of new energy technologies on future costs as well as impacts to the economy and to jobs.

These poll data underscore voters’ understanding of the long-term value of critical infrastructure investments — in water, broadband and parks — and recognize the importance of smart, strategic investments for the betterment of future generations.
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Would you vote for or against the constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state?

Net For = +64%

Would you vote for or against the constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks?

Net For = +62%

Would you vote for or against the constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects?

Net For = +35%
If voters approve all seven spending amendments this November totaling $28 billion, the state is projected to still have more than a $10 billion budget surplus and approximately $26 billion in the Rainy Day Fund. Knowing this, would you be more or less likely to support these constitutional amendments?

- 56% More Likely
- 16% Less Likely
- 17% No Difference
- 11% Unsure
Shifting to weather events, do you think the climate in Texas compared to ten years ago has...

### September 2021
- Changed Dramatically: 32%
- Changed Somewhat: 40%
- Not Changed: 23%
- Unsure: 4%

### August 2023
- Changed Dramatically: 41%
- Changed Somewhat: 37%
- Not Changed: 17%
- Unsure: 4%

Which best describes how concerned you are that weather-related events in Texas such as wildfires, floods, drought, and hurricanes may increase what you pay for property insurance?

- Extremely concerned: 30%
- Very concerned: 28%
- Somewhat concerned: 29%
- Not at all concerned: 11%
- Unsure: 2%

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New technologies, including energy storage or batteries, carbon capture, hydrogen, electric vehicles and renewable energy may impact future energy markets, products and prices. Please indicate if each of the following is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not that important or not at all important for Texas.

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<td>Making sure energy remains as affordable as possible for all Texans.</td>
<td>57%</td>
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<td>Making sure our state remains a leader in producing energy.</td>
<td>41%</td>
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<td>Identifying ways to support energy innovation and new technologies.</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<td>Maintaining jobs in the oil and gas industry.</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<td>Preventing declines in state tax revenues so that school funding can be maintained.</td>
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<td>Adopting policies to reduce carbon-based emissions from energy sources.</td>
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Thinking about electric vehicles, have you...

March 2022

- Purchased an electric vehicle: 6%
- Considered purchasing an electric vehicle: 29%
- Not purchased an electric vehicle: 62%
- Unsure: 3%

August 2023

- Purchased an electric vehicle: 3%
- Considered purchasing an electric vehicle: 26%
- Not purchased an electric vehicle: 68%
- Unsure: 3%
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